



FIG. 1

CHARGING SYSTEM OVERVIEW OF A
STORAGE SYSTEM

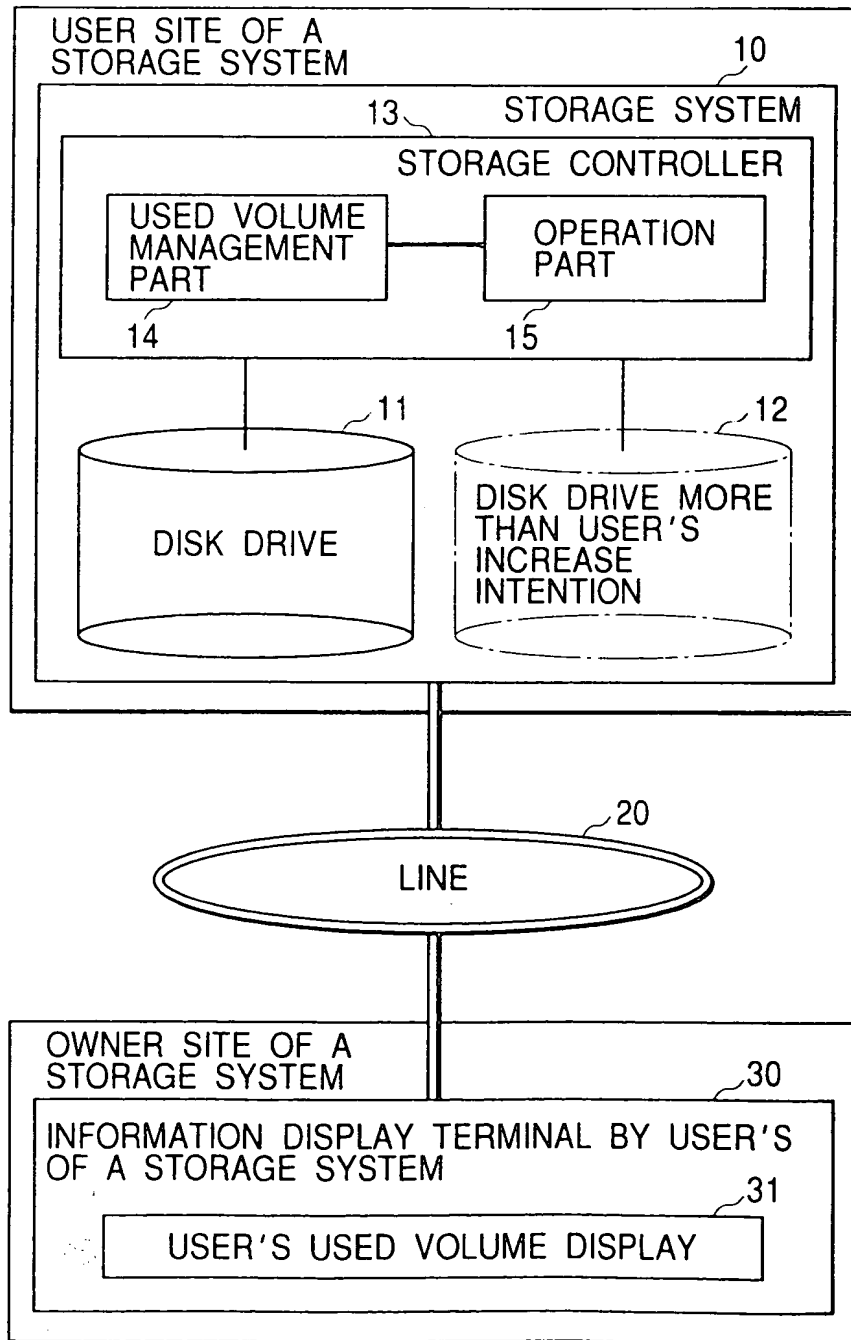


FIG. 4

INFORMATION FLOW OF A STORAGE SYSTEM AND AN INFORMATION DISPLAY TERMINAL AT CONFIRMATION (INQUIRING) OF INFORMATION

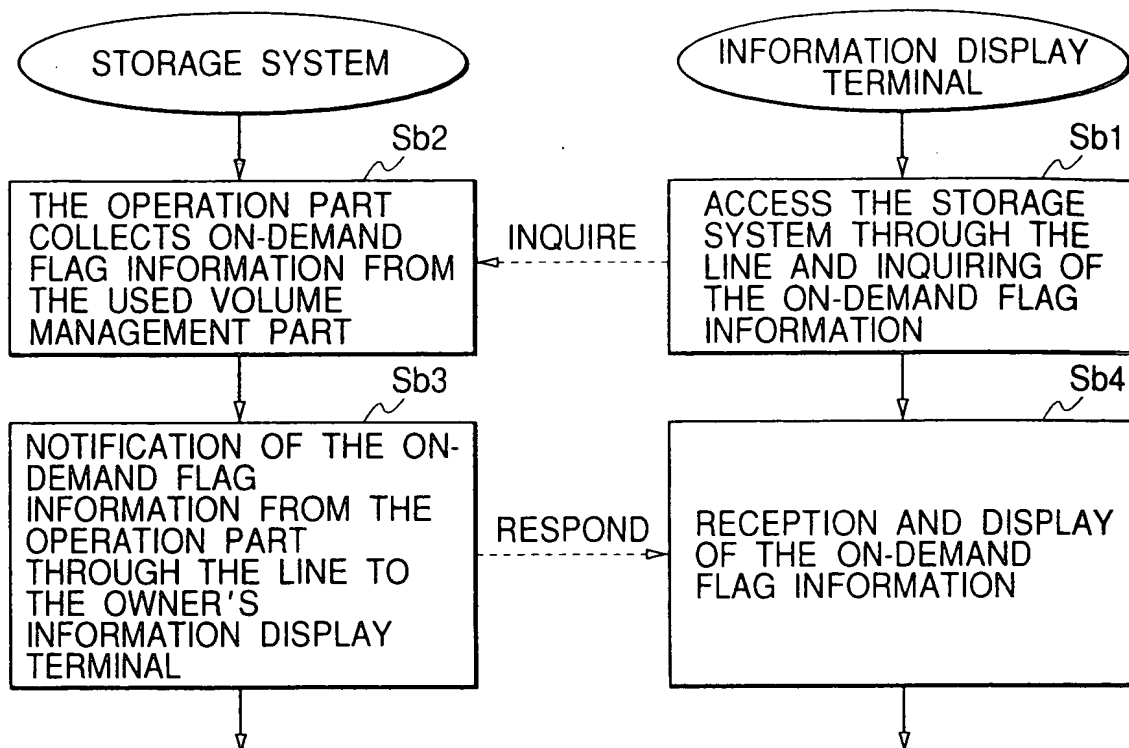


FIG. 5

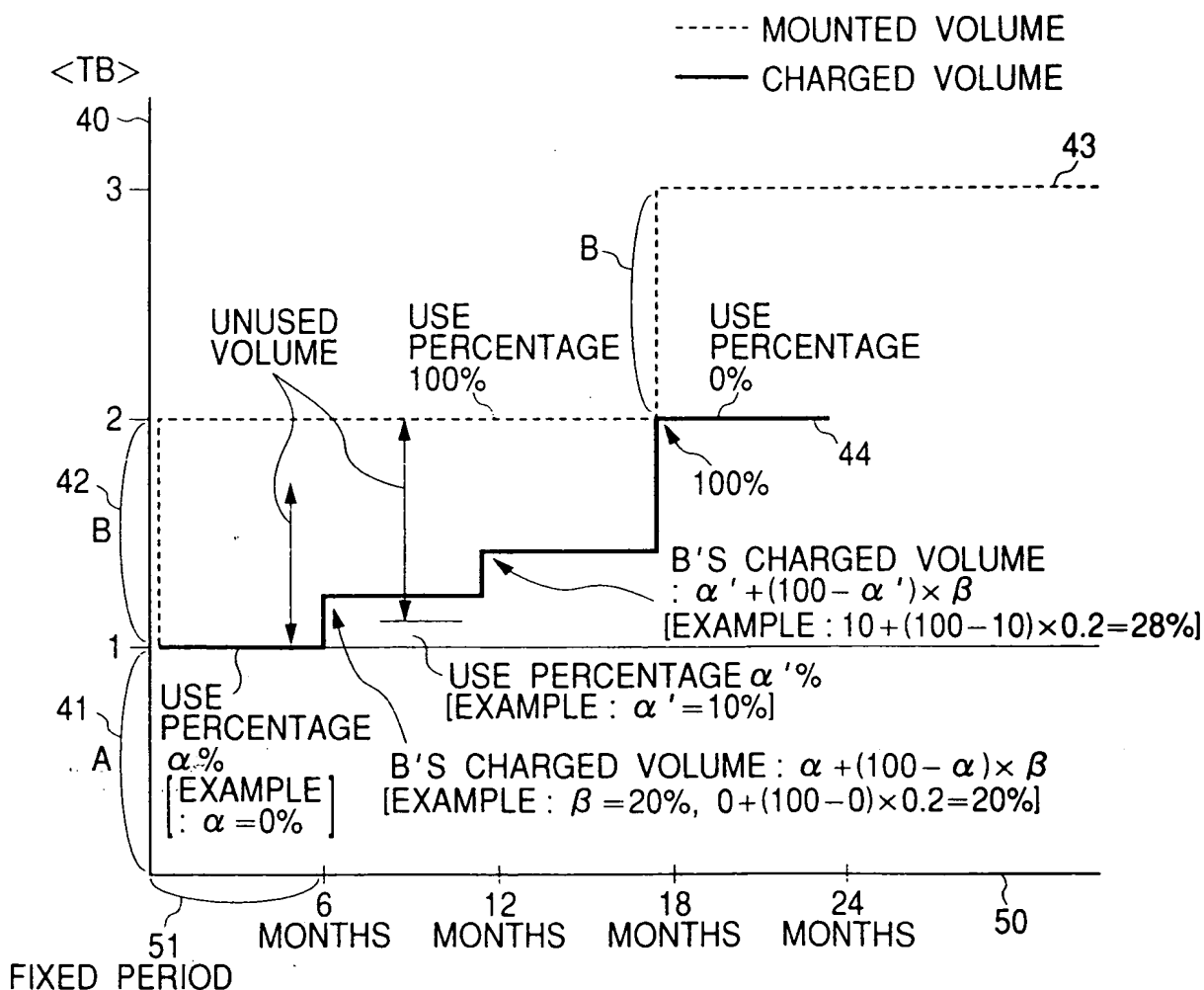
EXAMPLE OF AN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT TABLE BY USERS OF A STORAGE SYSTEM

	USER A	USER B	USER C
USER ID	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
USED VOLUME	xxGB	xxGB	xxGB
ADDED VOLUME	xxGB	xxGB	xxGB
USE PERIOD	x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY TO x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY	x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY TO x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY	x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY TO x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY
USE STARTING DATE	x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY	x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY	x YEAR/x MONTH/x DAY
ALLOCATED VOLUME	VOL. 1, VOL. 2	VOL. 3, VOL. 4	VOL. 5, VOL. 6
USE UNIT COST	x¥/MONTH	x¥/MONTH	x¥/MONTH



FIG. 6

CHARGED VOLUME TRANSITION DIAGRAM TO THE DISK VOLUME OF A STORAGE SYSTEM



DECISION OF A "USED VOLUME" AND AN "UNUSED VOLUME"
AFTER 6 MONTHS ELAPSE
A TOTAL CHARGED VOLUME FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS IS
A+B USED VOLUME+
(B'S UNUSED VOLUME×CHARGING PERCENTAGE $\beta \%$)



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FIG. 9

INITIAL INVESTED VOLUMES TO A STORAGE SYSTEM

